



What is this the I-70 Frontage Road Improvements Project?

The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) has initiated the I-70 Frontage Road Improvements project as part of the commitments from the I-70 Mountain Corridor Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS). The goal of this project is to develop context sensitive solutions (CSS) for the Frontage Road to provide enhanced safety and mobility for vehicles, pedestrians, and bicyclists. Project concepts will be developed and studied in coordination with the Project Leadership Team and will be evaluated for environmental impacts in a Categorical Exclusion (Cat Ex). This project will be developed in two phases:

Phase I - Construction is planned for Spring/Summer 2012. The Frontage Road reconstruction project limits are between the old US 40 bridge (Doghouse Bridge) and just west of the Hidden Valley/Central City Interchange (Exit 243).

Phase II – Future Construction – Phase II will include approximately two miles of frontage road and Greenway construction or reconstruction between eastern Idaho Springs (I-70 Exit 241) and the Hidden Valley/Central City Interchange (Exit 243). This also includes the ultimate configuration of the Phase I section of the Frontage Road for use as part of the Greenway.

What resources will be evaluated in the Categorical Exclusion (Cat Ex)?

The Cat Ex will evaluate impacts of both the Phase I and Phase II improvements on natural, community, and cultural resources. These resources include: air quality, geologic, water quality, floodplains, wetlands, vegetation, fish and wildlife, threatened and endangered species, historic and paleontological, land use, social, economic, environmental justice, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, transportation resources, right-of-way, utilities, noise, visual, hazardous materials, and cumulative impacts. The final Cat Ex will provide environmental clearance for both Phases I and Phase II of the Frontage Road.

How does this project interact with the Twin Tunnels Environmental Assessment (EA)?

The I-70 Frontage Road project is both independent yet related to the Twin Tunnels EA. Both projects have similar core values and stakeholders. The Phase I of the I-70 Frontage Road project is state funded and will provide immediate safety benefits to the existing Frontage Road with construction starting in Spring/Summer 2012. It is anticipated that Phase I of the Frontage Road project will be completed in time for use as part of the detour for Twin Tunnels improvements. Both project teams are closely coordinating throughout the concept development and evaluation processes.

What is the schedule for this project?

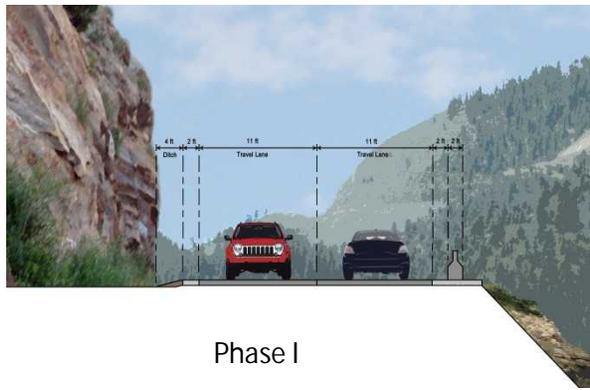
Project Milestone	Date
Project Leadership and Technical Team (PLT/TT) Kick-off Meeting	August 31, 2011
Field Inspection Review (Phase I)	November 2011
Categorical Exclusion (Phase I and II)	January 2012
Final Office Review (Phase I)	March 2012
Project Advertisement Date (Phase I)	April 2012
Construction (Phase I)	Summer /Fall 2012
PLT/TT coordination	On-going

Who do I contact if I have additional questions?

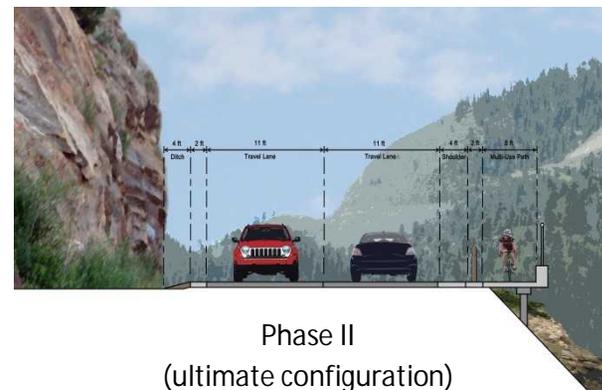
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Initial Frontage Road Concepts

Additional options will be developed and evaluated with Project Leadership Team/Technical Teams



Phase I



Phase II
(ultimate configuration)

